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WIMBORNE MINSTER URBAN DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR - 1962

WIMBORNE MINSTER URBAN DISTRICT.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:-

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WIMBORNE MINSTER URBAN DISTRICT.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Dr. G.B. Hopkins MB., Ch.B., B.Pharm. D.P.H.

HOLDING APPOINTMENTS OF:-

Senior Assistant County Medical Officer.
School Medical Officer.
Medical Officer of Health - Wimborne Minster Urban District.
Medical Officer of Health - Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District.
Medical Officer of Health - Borough of Blandford Forum
Medical Officer of Health - Blandford Rural District.

contributing roughly:-

Wimborne Minster Urban District.....	$\frac{1}{3}$ day per week
Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District.....	$1\frac{1}{2}$ days per week
Borough of Blandford Forum.....	$\frac{1}{4}$ day per week
Blandford Rural District.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ day per week.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND HOUSING MANAGER.

F. Caddick. M.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I.

Dr. Noel Pearson from the North Dorset Area kindly acts as my deputy in an honorary capacity during my absence.

Civic Centre,
Wimborne Minster.
Dorset.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I present my Annual Report for 1962.

The year saw little of note in the realm of Infectious Diseases but the ripples set up by several outbreaks of smallpox elsewhere in the country lapped very gently over the shores of the Urban District and there was some demand for vaccination at a time when supplies of vaccine lymph could not reasonably be diverted from reserves. The only indirect contact with these outbreaks arose when a local man was a hotel contact of a suspected case, and he was kept under supervision after vaccination until his family in Wimborne were vaccinated. This is one small example of the accepted modern method of controlling smallpox outbreaks, which is to concentrate upon the vaccination as quickly as possible of close contacts, then less close contacts, and so on until distant, rather remote possible contacts are finally vaccinated, at the same time resisting as strongly as possible the demand for mass vaccination which invariably arises.

The Sabin oral vaccine against poliomyelitis, a triumph of vaccine therapy, became available in February and despite the unfounded suspicions which attended the introduction of the Salk vaccine in this country which might have been expected to attend the use of a live vaccine, the new vaccine was immediately welcomed and has proved very successful. It is remarkable that a few parents still adamantly refuse to have their children protected against poliomyelitis, even by this very attractive means.

The effect of immunisation with the triple vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough has achieved a quiet revolution reflected in the gratifying infrequency with which whooping cough is notified and the entire absence of notifications of diphtheria or tetanus.

In 1960 lung cancer claimed four victims and this figure remained constant for both 1961 and 1962. Present indications are that the trend will be upward.

NOVEMBER, 1963. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	653
Population as estimated (mid-year) by Registrar General	4,140
Total number of estimated inhabited houses at 31/12/62	1,446
Rateable value at 1st April, 1962	£62,093
Sum represented by penny rate	£260

LIVE BIRTHS	Total.	Male.	Female.	Comparative Standardised Statistics. Wimborne Minster.	Administrative County	England & Wales.
Number	54	28	26			
Legitimate	49	26	23			
Illegitimate	5	2	3			
Standardised rate				14.8.	15.8	18
STILLBIRTHS						
Number	-	-	-			
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER FOUR WEEKS OF AGE.						
Number	1	1	-			
Legitimate	1	1	-			
DEATHS						
Number	60	25	35			
Standardised rate				10.1	13.3	11.9

Comparability factors.

Births..... 1.14
Deaths..... 0.70

SECTION A
NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

POPULATION

There was a continuing small annual decline though the Registrar General's annual estimate revealed a drop of only twenty since the census of the previous year. The decline between the last two decadal census years was 400.

SECTION B

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The Ambulance Service is provided by the Dorset County Council. Control is centralised in Dorchester and the service operates from the Civic Centre.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

This is situated at Boscombe and provides an excellent bacteriological service.

MATERNAL AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

The County Council provided an Infant Welfare Clinic in Wimborne every week, though the severe restrictions on availability of premises enforced an unpopular day for the clinic.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

The County Home Help Scheme provided a service in Wimborne and surrounding district which is much in demand and continually expanding.

SECTION C

PREVALANCE OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Only two cases of tuberculosis were notified under this heading during the year.

At the end of the year, the number of cases in the Tuberculosis Register was as follows:-

Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
Males.....	10	Males.....	Nil
Females.....	9	Females.....	1

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION STATISTICS.

Poliomyelitis.

Oral.			Salk			Diphtheria.		Whooping Cough.		Tetanus.		Small-pox	
Basic Course.	3rd.	4th.	P.	3rd	4th.	P.	B.	P.	B.	P.	B.	P.	B.
52	40	7	12	39	12	68	65	65	16	108	34	180	112

P = Primary course of two or three injections.
B = Booster dose of one single injection.

SECTION D

	STATISTICAL TABLES - Causes of Death.	Male.	Female.
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory.....	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other.....	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease.....	-	-
4.	Diphtheria.....	-	-
5.	Whooping cough.....	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections.....	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis.....	-	-
8.	Measles.....	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases.....	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.....	-	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.....	3	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast.....	-	3
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus.....	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.....	1	3
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia.....	-	-
16.	Diabetes.....	-	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system.....	3	6
18.	Coronary disease, angina.....	4	1
19.	Hypertension with heart disease.....	-	1
20.	Other heart disease.....	4	7
21.	Other circulatory disease.....	1	4
22.	Influenza.....	-	2
23.	Pneumonia.....	1	2
24.	Bronchitis.....	1	1
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system.....	2	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.....	[illegible]	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.....	[illegible]	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis.....	[illegible]	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.....	1	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.....	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations.....	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.....	1	1
33.	Motor vehicle accidents.....	-	-
34.	All other accidents.....	1	1
35.	Suicide.....	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war.....	-	-
	TOTALS.....	25	35.

VERMINOUS PERSONS, PREMISES AND ARTICLES.

No action was necessary.

FOOD POISONING.

No cases meriting notification occurred.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

With the completion of main drainage food premises were visited with a view to modernisation and improvement and where necessary notices were sent stating in what way conditions fell short of byelaws and regulations. The table which appears later in the text summarises completed procedures but more improvements than those shown have actually been effected since results have not been recorded until all items on any particular Notice have been dealt with.

PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION - Section 47, National Assistance Act, 1948 - NATIONAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT ACT, 1957

No action became necessary under the above Acts though continuing supportive supervision and help, both voluntary and official, was necessary in the case of an elderly woman who was thereby enabled to continue in occupation of her home.

The "Meals on Wheels" and "Home Help" services provided by the County Council demonstrated their great value in this case, without them it would almost certainly have become necessary to remove this elderly person to an institution.

WATER SUPPLY.

Details have been given in previous reports and no significant changes have occurred. Five samples sent to the Public Health Laboratory revealed satisfactory results.

SEWERAGE

As the main drainage scheme progressed Notices were served in appropriate cases for the conversion of insanitary pail closets, some of which were dealt with under the Shop Acts.

CLEAN AIR ACT

Twenty four visits to premises were made by your Public Health Inspector, four informal notices served, two verbal and two written, and four contraventions remedied.

HOUSING.

The remaining houses in the slum clearance programme were demolished during the year, ten of them in Owners' default.

In December a further seven houses were included in a new Clearance Area.

OVERCROWDING.

No dwellings were overcrowded.

FACTORIES ACT, 1957

PREMISES.	Number on Register (2)	Inspections. (3)	Number of Written Notices. (4)	Occupiers Prosecutions.
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authroties.....	4	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	38	5	2	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).....	-	-	-	-
TOTALS.....	42	5	2	-

PART V111

OUTWORK

One outworker figures in the prescribed details under S.110 and 111, under the section dealing with wearing apparel. There were no other entries.

TABLE 11 - Number of Notices and Results of service of Notices.

	NOTICES SERVED.				RESULTS OF SERVICE OF NOTICES ETC.			
	Informal Notices.		Statutory Notices					
	Verbal.	Written.	Orders etc.	Defects and Contraventions Remedied.	Improved or Additional Facilities provided.	Premises Closed.	Premises Demolished.	Families re-housed from condemned houses.
PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.								
Nuisance Sections.....	1	12	5	26	-	-	-	
Conversion of Pail Closets.....	-	25	12	-	14	-	-	
Drainage and Sanitary applicances.	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	
Dilapidated Property.....	-	1	2	-	-	-	2	
Food Storage.....	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Refuse in river.....	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
HOUSING ACTS.								
Repair and Improvement.....	-	1	1	8	5	-	-	
Closure.....	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	3
Demolition.....	-	-	6	-	-		49	9
Food Premises.....	1	10	-	6	-	-	-	-
Shop Acts Sanitary Accommodation.....	-	5	2	-	5	-	-	-
Factories.....	3	2	-	3	-	-	-	-
Clean Air Act.	2	2	-	4	-	-	-	-
Caravans.	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Pest Control.....	-	1	3	3	-	-	-	-

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Annual Tabular Statement.
by
Public Health Inspector.
for - 1962

TABLE 1. - Number and Nature of Inspections made during the Year.

Investigations of Complaints	55
Drain Tests and Inspections	11
Re-visits for enforcement of Notices	83
Inspections re pail closet conversions	83
Ice Cream Samples	34
Water Samples	5
Public Health Laboratory	14
Food Inspections	16
Food Premises	30
Refuse Collection Service	34
Pest Control	5
For purposes of Housing Acts (a) General	285
(b) Council House Improvements	613
For purposes of Clean Air Act, 1956	24
Factories	5
Caravans	10
Court hearings	1
Pet Meat Shops	2
Agricultural Holdings	1
Miscellaneous	12
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